

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-10 (canceled).

Claim 11 (new): A mounting structure for a fuel pump of a vehicle engine, the mounting structure comprising:

a fuel pump assembly including a cylindrical pump body and a filter coupled with a suction end of the pump body;

a housing enclosing the cylindrical pump body, a flange section of the housing arranged to abut an outside area surrounding an opening in a fuel tank; and

a mounting plate arranged to cover the flange section on an outside of the fuel tank, the fuel pump assembly arranged to be fixed to the opening through the mounting plate and the flange section; wherein

an axis of the cylindrical pump body extends generally parallel to a mounting surface of the mounting plate; and

the cylindrical pump body and the filter are arranged to overlap each other.

Claim 12 (new): The mounting structure for a fuel pump a vehicle engine according to Claim 11, further comprising the fuel tank, wherein the fuel tank is a saddle type fuel tank arranged to straddle a body frame of a vehicle, and the opening is arranged in a side wall surface or a bottom surface of the saddle type fuel tank.

Claim 13 (new): The mounting structure for a fuel pump of a vehicle engine according to Claim 12, wherein the opening is arranged in the side wall surface of the saddle type fuel tank, and the filter is disposed below the cylindrical pump body.

Claim 14 (new): The mounting structure for a fuel pump of a vehicle engine according to Claim 12, wherein the opening has an elliptical shape, and a longitudinal axis of the opening extends generally horizontally and generally parallel to the axis of the cylindrical pump body.

Claim 15 (new): The mounting structure for a fuel pump a vehicle engine according to Claim 11, further comprising a fuel passage, wherein the fuel passage includes the filter, the cylindrical pump body, and a member through which fuel flows from the filter to the cylindrical pump body, and the fuel passage is arranged so as to overlap itself.

Claim 16 (new):The mounting structure for a fuel pump of a vehicle engine according to Claim 11, wherein the cylindrical pump body and the filter are spaced apart from each other in a direction normal to the axis of the cylindrical pump body.

Claim 17 (new):A mounting structure for a fuel pump of a vehicle engine, the mounting structure comprising:

a fuel pump assembly to be arranged within an inner space of a fuel tank, the fuel pump assembly including a mounting plate arranged to mount the fuel pump assembly onto the fuel tank, the fuel pump assembly further including:

a cylindrical pump body; and

a filter attached to the cylindrical pump body; wherein

the cylindrical pump body is arranged such that an axis of the cylindrical pump body extends along a mounting surface of the mounting plate; and

the filter is arranged such that at least a portion of the filter is spaced away from the cylindrical pump body in a radial direction of the cylindrical pump body.

Claim 18 (new): The mounting structure for a fuel pump of a vehicle engine according to Claim 17, further comprising the fuel tank and an opening arranged in a side surface or a bottom surface of the fuel tank, wherein the mounting structure

includes a housing enclosing the cylindrical pump body, a flange section of the housing arranged to abut an outside area surrounding the opening in the fuel tank, and the mounting plate extends over the flange section to fix the flange portion to the fuel tank.

Claim 19 (new): The mounting structure for a fuel pump of a vehicle engine according to Claim 17, further comprising a fuel pipe having a first end with which the cylindrical pump body is coupled, a trunk portion of the fuel pipe bending toward the filter, and a second end with which the filter is coupled, wherein a fuel flow direction in the cylindrical pump body and a fuel flow direction in the filter are reversed from each other.

Claim 20 (new): The mounting structure for a fuel pump of a vehicle engine according to Claim 18, wherein the opening has an elliptical shape, and a longitudinal axis of the opening extends generally horizontally and generally parallel to the axis of the cylindrical pump body.

Claim 21 (new): A vehicle comprising the mounting structure for a fuel pump according to Claim 11.

Claim 22 (new): A vehicle comprising the mounting structure for a fuel pump according to Claim 17.